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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Appearance of CIA Before Senate Preparedness  
Investigating Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services

1. Mr. Edwin Weisl, Sr., and Cyrus Vance met with the Director, Messrs. Scoville, [redacted] and [redacted] to discuss various aspects of CIA testifying before the Subcommittee. Very quickly it was settled that the sessions, at Agency request, would be closed sessions. The dates were indicated as being November 25-26-27 and then the hearings would be continued until the 12 of December.

2. Mr. Weisl stated they probably would start the hearings by having outstanding scientists play a background on the significance of recent Soviet accomplishments. He would then propose that CIA be called next on the basic question of what are Russian capabilities. Subsequently, the Subcommittee would request testimony from Secretary McElroy and Mr. Quarles as well as Mr. Holaday. They would then hear from various military experts from the three services.

3. We did discuss Scoville's recent speech and the Director also mentioned his speech of some two years ago at Columbia University with regard to Russian education.

4. Mr. Weisl indicated they were receiving extensive preliminary briefings from Defense including sessions with General Gavin, Mr. Von Braun, General Medaris, Dr. Martin and General Taylor. The Director then gave a general sketch of the actual situation with respect to the Russian accomplishments.

5. It was agreed that it would be desirable to have a preliminary session with the staff prior to actual testimony in order to tighten up any loose ends. Mr. Weisl mentioned the question of defectors as sources

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and at a later date the Director indicated to Scoville that something of this sort should be included in the statement. Weisl particularly brought to mind [redacted] He was mentioned in [redacted]

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[redacted] They were informed that this [redacted]

It was also indicated that comparison of a percentage of gross national product of the two countries which went into military effort would be interesting.

6. It was further indicated that all of the full committee were invited to attend and many of them were expected to be present. The subject of clearances for members of the staff was raised and Mr. [redacted] will look into this matter with the proper people.

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